Orissa, Bihar, Haryana, Maharashtra and Gujarat with Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of West Bengal as Chairman and Shri Raja Chelliah, Fiscal Advisor to Government of India as Associate Member has been constituted to examine the issue and make recommendations.

As regards Path Kar, on the request of Minister of Surface Transport, the Governors of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Chief Ministers of Bihar, Orissa, Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat have agreed to abolish 'Path Kar' with immediate effect.

2. *Multiple Enforcement Agencies*

It was agreed that necessary amendments would be made in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to withdraw the powers of Police in the following matters :—

(i) Overloading;

(ii) Checking of permits;

(iii) Checking of permit conditions;

(iv) Checking of insurance certificates;

(v) Licences of Conductors;

(vi) Certificate of fitness (except when the vehicle is involved in accident).

3. *Overloading of Vehicles*

It was pointed out to the representatives of the AIMTC that there already exist strict penalties for overloading in Motor Vehicles Act.

Instructions to the State Governments to curb overloading have been reiterated.

4. *Driving Licence*

It was agreed that suitable amendments to the section 7 of Motor Vehicles Act would be made whereby eligibility of obtaining a learner's licence would be possession of a light or medium motor vehicle driving licence for a period of one year.

5. *Highway Robbery*

The matter regarding increasing incidence of highway robberies was discussed with the IGs of Police of the States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar on 25-11-1992. Certain suggestions were made to the State Governments as also the truck operators in this regard. The matter is being further pursued and the Chief Ministers of the States have been addressed on 3rd August 1993 to take effective measures to curb the menace of highway robberies.

6. *Raising age limit of Goods Vehicles under National Permit*

A Technical Committee has been set up to examine the matter as to whether the age limit of 9 Years of vehicles operating under national permit could be raised. This Committee had recommended that there is no justification in raising this age limit. However, the All India Motor Transport Congress have not agreed with the recommendation of the Committee and on their persistent demand, Government have agreed to reconsider the matter.

7. *Toll on Bridges*

A list of the bridges constructed by the Central Government where tolls were being charged and the present stage of collection has been given to the AIMTC.

8. *Demands Relating to Insurance and Carriers Act*

This matter has been discussed at length by the Government with the representatives of AIMTC and GIC in a meeting on 28th July 1993. Since the issues involved a number of legal angles, an Expert Group consisting of representatives of AIMTC and GIC has been constituted to examine the whole issue in detail. GIC has been instructed to initiate deliberations of this Group immediately.

9. *Giving Diesel Outlets to Association and Corporatives of Truck Operators*

Government have agreed to take up the matter with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for suitable consideration.

**Development of Road with the Assistance from Asian Development Bank**

3041. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) under the Asian Development Bank—First Road Project Loan how many projects have been financed in Tamil Nadu so far;

(b) what is the latest stage of these projects;

(c) whether Madurai (Tamil Nadu) has been included in the projects if not, whether Government propose to give priority to Madurai in next year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) One State Road Project i.e. improvement of Madras-Cuddalore Section of East Coast Road.

(b) Constitutionally, the Central Government is primarily responsible for development and upkeep of National Highways only. East Coast Road, being a State Road, the Government of Tamil Nadu is concerned. As per reports received from the State, the progress of the project upto June, 1993 was about 20%.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Allocation of Funds for Development of Roads in Tamil Nadu**

3042. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) under the World Bank—First National Highway Loan, how much fund has been allocated and spent so far for projects in Tamil Nadu, and what is the latest stage of these projects; if any;

(b) whether there is any proposal to include Madurai (Tamil Nadu) under this project either in current year of next year, or it will consider it in the next year, if not, in the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) For the project of 4 laning/strengthening of Tambaram-Villupuram Section of NH 45 under the World Bank—First National Highway Loan, Rs. 6426.42 lakhs have been spent upto July, 1993 and the progress of project is about 76%.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Buses Plying Under DTC**

3043. SHRI BRAHAMDEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of DTC buses plying in Delhi Area before the introduction of privatisation of transport services;

(b) the number of White line, Red line and Green line buses added to the fleet date-wise;

(c) the number of DTC buses reduced; date-wise; and

(d) the DTC buses sold prior to privatisation and afterwards; date-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As on 31-8-1992, 3827 DTC buses out of its fleet of 4243 buses, were plying on city routes.

(b) At present, there are 90 White line, 2273 Red line and 126 Green line buses plying in Delhi. The month-wise details are at Statement I

(c) The monthwise details of the DTC buses reduced are at Statement II.

(d) There has been no privatisation of DTC. However, the details of scrapped buses sold-vide tenders are as under:—

| Date of tender | No. of scrapped buses sold |
|---|---|
| 8-7-92 | 292 |
| 3-12-92 | 715 |
| 9-12-92 | 500 |
| 5-3-93 | 78 |

**Statement I**

*Monthwise details of buses plying under Whiteline, Redline and Greenline (GL) services*

| Month | No. of permits issued/G. L. buses added: Whiteline (w.e.f. March, 92) | Redline (w.e.f. Sept., 92) | Greenline (w.e.f. Aug., 92) |
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